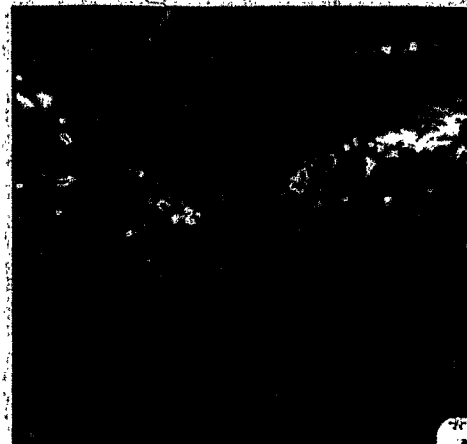


## Pass Alderman OK record road plan

Board votes to take \$2 million TIF loan for road improvements.

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## Spring's First Green is Gold

Horticulturist Norman Winter offers some advice to spruce up your winter garden.

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### Our Lady of the Gulf Special Peace Rosary

Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis will host a special Peace Rosary service in honor of all military members and their families this Friday, Jan. 7, at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

### St. Rock hosts fried chicken/fish dinners

St. Rock United Methodist Church, 301 Herlihy St. in Waveland, will offer fried chicken/fish dinners this Saturday, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The sale will include lots of clothing items at 25 cents each, and plenty of miscellaneous items. In case of rain, the sale will be inside. The church is located at 5078 Hwy. 90 W. Service Rd., Waveland.

### Old Spanish Trail Church yard sale set

Old Spanish Trail Victory Church will host a yard sale this Saturday from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. The sale will include lots of clothing items at 25 cents each, and plenty of miscellaneous items. In case of rain, the sale will be inside. The church is located at 5078 Hwy. 90 W. Service Rd., Waveland.

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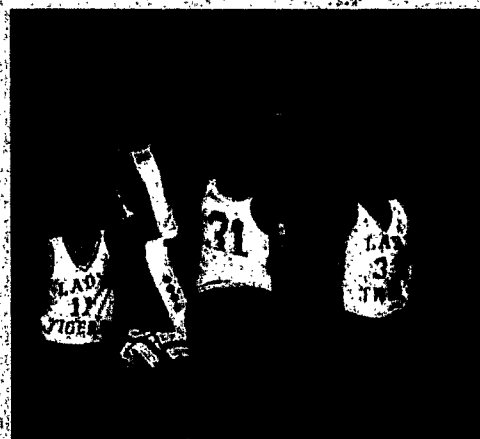
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The Bay High Lady Tigers were named the number one-ranked team in the state by a new Associated Press poll.

Photo by B.R. Hawkins



## Lady Tigers #1 in state

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**B**ay St. Louis and Jackson Lanier hold the top spots in the first Mississippi AP boys and girls high school basketball polls of the season.

Led by star Monta Ellis, Lanier's boys (14-2) received four of a possible eight first-place votes from a panel of sports writers and broadcasters across the state.

But Lanier's lead is a small one, the Bulldogs have 75 poll

points, one more than second-place Biloxi (10-1).

Biloxi, the defending 5A champion, also received three first-place votes.

Meridian is third, followed by

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## LET THEM EAT CAKE



Today is King's Day, the Epiphany or Little Christmas, held on the twelfth day of Christmas, January 6 and the official kick off of the Mardi Gras and King Cake season. The tasty treats will be overnight expressed all over the country to those unfortunate souls not lucky enough to live where the traditions of Mardi Gras are celebrated. King Cake parties will be held at homes across the area until Lent begins at midnight on Mardi Gras Day. Pictured is pastry chef Ruth Thompson of Ruth's Cakery. Thompson is preparing a cake for travel in a colorful box filled with the cake, beads, and doubloons. Thompson has been baking King Cakes since 1988.

Echo staff photo by Bernie Shalbetter

## Shoreline Park man jailed for molesting teen-ager

Sexual battery allegedly occurred on Bayside Park paper route

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS  
Publisher Emeritus

A Shoreline Park resident has been charged with molestation and sexual battery charges involving a 14-year-old girl, according to Sheriff Steve Garber.

Investigator Tom Roan said, "Lyndell Scott Hegwood, 41, of Shoreline Park, was arrested on December 28 for one count of alleged molestation and one count sexual battery involving a 14-year-old girl."

"The incident is alleged to have occurred in the Bayside Park area, as the girl was riding with Hegwood while he was running a paper route on Christmas," Roan said.

Although Hegwood is not an employee of The Sea Coast Echo, he is independently contracted to deliver the paper in the Bayside Park area.

Hegwood is lodged in the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility in lieu of a \$50,000 cash bond, according to jail records.

Sheriff's Investigators Roan and John Luther are handling the investigation.

## Stennis researcher named top scientist in the world

Sharhddad Sajjadi earns 2004 International Scientist of the Year honors from England

**THE SEA COAST ECHO**  
A research scientist at The University of Southern Mississippi's Center for Higher Learning has received the 2004 International Scientist of the Year Award from the International Biographical Centre of England in

Cambridge. Dr. Sharhddad Sajjadi, senior research scientist in physical oceanography and director of the High Performance Computing and Algorithms Laboratory, was recog-

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## Baby New Year



**HANCOCK'S FIRST** - Kaden Isaac Reeves, held by parents Mickey and Miranda Reeves of Picayune, was Hancock Medical Center's first baby of 2005. Arriving on New Year's Day at 1:51 p.m., Kaden weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Laurence and Kathy Stockstill of the Leetown community, while Leetown residents Michael and Linda Reeves are paternal grandparents. Kaden was welcomed by big brother, Dalton.

## LEARN to lose weight in HMC's 10-week series

Need a little help with your New Year's resolution? Hancock Medical Center will repeat its 10-week series on weight management beginning Monday, January 10.

"LEARN" is an acronym for Lifestyle, Exercise, Attitude, Relationships and Nutrition. Each letter represents a component of the weight loss challenge, said registered dietitian Dawn Vosbein.

"This program is tailored to each individual's problem area," she said. "One person may eat very little during the day, but uncontrollably at night. Another may snack throughout the day and not even realize it."

Each class member will be asked to establish eating and activity habits by keeping a log during the initial phase of the seminar. Vosbein will tabulate caloric intake and assess activity

level based on the information provided.

"We want to set individual goals and develop a plan for each participant to reach his or her goal. An important part of this series focuses on changing behavior to sustain weight loss."

Other components of the classes include recipe modification, how to incorporate exercise into a daily routine and the psychological aspects of maintaining a weight loss program.

The three-month program is offered from noon until 1 p.m. on the Hancock Medical Center campus. The cost is \$75 and includes a 300-page workbook and various handouts. An initial medical screening for each participant will be conducted at the beginning of the series.

To register, or for additional information, call Vosbein at (228) 467-8730.

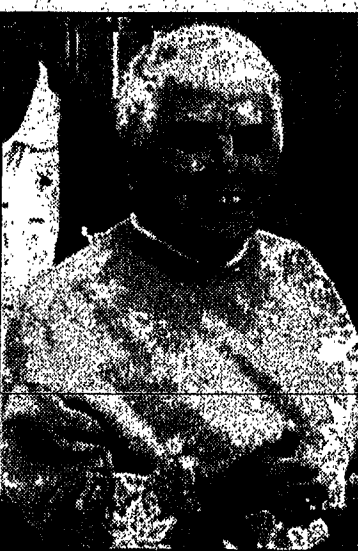
## Authors & Characters at the Hancock Library

Perpetual traveler and eternal student to highlight library program

Celeste Neuffer, Diamondhead resident, is a combination of the perpetual traveler and the eternal student. She kicks off the 2005 season of the Hancock County Library System's Authors & Characters @ Your Library program on Tuesday, January 11 at 11:45 a.m. at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

Neuffer also lays claim to being living history. Having lived through six wars in her lifetime, she has also seen the evolution of air craft from rickety biplanes to sleek space projectiles, the telephone from a household oddity to a marvel of communication, the automobile from a crank-em-up gimmick to a modern must-have commodity.

Neuffer is indeed living history, having observed first-hand the start of World War II in Berlin in 1939 and thereafter traveling



**Celeste Neuffer**

through three theatres of war performing with the USO.

She recently donated her extensive collection of World War II memorabilia to the National D-Day Museum in New Orleans.

The program is open to the public. Lunch is available for \$5 with advance reservations. To reserve your lunch or obtain more information, call Jamie Elston at 467-5282.

## Supers clear last hurdle on Lower Bay Rd. project

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

After years of setbacks and disappointments, it looks like a project to refurbish Lower Bay Rd. is finally a go. On Tuesday, Hancock County Supervisors removed what they believe to be the last obstacle holding up progress when they voted to take around \$90,000 in increased costs out of gaming revenues to jump-start the project. The project has been on hold for years.

Project Engineer Larry Seal volunteered to lower his fee, further lowering the need for extra funds, bringing the total down to \$78,000. The Hancock County Port and Harbor agreed to split the remaining costs with the county so that work could start right away. Port director Hal Walters said he had promised tenants at Port Bienville that there would be no further holdups project.

The project will refurbish the road from Hwy. 90 to the entrance of Port Bienville said district state aid engineer Dwayne Bonner. Total cost of the project will be around \$1.1 million, around \$400,000 higher than original estimates 5 years ago.

Rising costs of steel, oil and cement and the added costs of storm water and environmental studies have all contributed to the added expense, said Bonner. Securing rights of ways and utility adjustments held up the project for years, along with changing government regulations which required still more changes in the original plans.

Huey Stockstill, of

Picayune will serve as contractor for the project which should move forward as soon as state aid office receives official word of the Supervisors' pledge for the extra funds.

In other business, Work crews have mobilized and began work on the Caesar Nease Bridge this week. The contract allows 180 working days to finish the job. County engineer Geoff Clemens said the bridge would likely open to traffic before the end of the contract period.

Waveland Alderman Mark Thomas asked supervisors to give their approval to three sanitary stations for dogs on the beach. The stations would provide plastic bags to be used by dog owners to use to clean up after their pets. Supervisors took the suggestion under advisement.

County building official Mickey Lagasse said that the planning and zoning board is considering the issue of 50 foot lot frontage in two main areas, Jordan River Estates and the Riverview neighborhood in Jordan River Shores, both zoned R-1. Realtors, developers and individuals all over the county have found themselves the owners of unbuildable lots due to a 75 foot frontage requirement of which many say they were unaware.

Supervisors voted four to one to "can" portable toilet service Joey Boudin due to unsatisfactory past performance. They accepted a slightly higher bid from a new company that will take over county service. Only District One Supervisor David Yarborough voted to retain Boudin.

## New judge appointed

Governor Haley Barbour this week announced his appointment to the Mississippi Circuit Court (District 2) representing Hancock, Harrison, and Stone counties: Roger Clark, of Gulfport, will serve in former Judge Robert Harry Walker's post due to his resignation effective November 15, 2004. Walker was appointed U.S. Magistrate in Gulfport and Clark will complete his term which ends in December of 2006.

"The Judicial Appointments Advisory Committee has worked hard to ensure that a qualified, conscientious, and dedicated person fills this important post," said Governor Barbour. "Roger is a man of integrity and high moral character. I know that he will be an asset to

Mississippi's judicial system."

Clark has practiced law for 35 years and received his law degree from the University of Mississippi. He is a member of the Harrison County and Mississippi Bar Associations, the Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association, and the American Board of Trial Attorneys. He is also a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the Mississippi Bar Foundation. He has a daughter, two sons and is married to Anita M. Clark.

Barbour's Judicial Appointments Advisory Committee, which reviews the qualifications of potential judicial appointees in accordance with Executive Order 914, found Clark fully qualified to serve.

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# Pass board prohibits high-rises

**BY JOHN WATERMAN**  
Staff Writer

The Pass Christian Board of Aldermen put a halt on any building over 50 feet in the city limits during their first meeting of 2005.

All board members were present at the meeting.

Alderman Donald Moore said the board would like to place a permanent restriction on buildings over 50 feet. In the meantime, the board placed an indefinite moratorium on accepting any plans for these types of buildings. The official change will have to wait.

"We can't amend or change the zoning or building notices without public hearings," Moore said.

Several months ago, an

investment firm, M&R development, approached the planning commission with a proposal to build two high-rise condominiums on Highway 90, towards the east end of Pass Christian.

Their request was met with great opposition from the public, and the developers voluntarily withdrew their proposal.

Moore said that many residents were under the mistaken impression that the city already had an ordinance in place prohibiting high-rise buildings.

"We have nothing on the books about a height restriction. All we have is a safety ordinance which states that anything over 45 feet has to be approved by

the fire chief for safety reasons. Because this now seems to be a hot topic with the high-rise condos, we're going to have our planning commission take it up."

Malcolm Jones, city attorney, said the planning commission will hold a public hearing on Jan. 25 at 5:30 p.m. at its next meeting, then give a new recommendation about high-rise condos, which the board will then vote on.

In other business, the board:

-Approved a change in the amount charged for NSF checks from \$30 to \$40 as per senate bill 2911.

-Closed the payment drop box located next to the drive through because of

recent burglaries, and the fact that there is a payment drop box located next to the main entrance.

-Approved a refund in the amount of \$550, in lieu of credit, to Mrs. William Aronowitz of 1523 East Second St.

-Tabled a request for a refund in the amount of \$300.45 due to plumbing repairs to Neil McIntyre, 473 East Beach Blvd.

-Approved the hiring of Jerry Lawson as a patrolman on a part-time basis at the rate of \$8.33 an hour. The board will re-examine this wage in two weeks, as the standard starting salary is \$6.50.

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# Pass aldermen pass record road plan

**BY JOHN WATERMAN**  
Staff Writer

The Pass Christian Board of Aldermen has had plans to repair 30 of the city's most decrepit roads since Dec. of 2003.

Now, with the help of \$2 million worth of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) bonds the city is closer than ever to beginning construction.

TIF bonds, also known as self-financing bonds, can be financed without taxpayer approval in most states, including Mississippi. The bonds are called self-financing, because ideally, the taxes collected on the difference between the tax value of the property prior to improvement versus the tax value after improvement are to be used to pay off the bonds.

In the case of Pass Christian, the money was borrowed against the real and personal property and sales tax of the new Super-Wal-Mart, according to Pass Alderman Donald Moore and City Attorney Malcolm Jones.

The city plans to spend over \$1 million of the money on street repair. Moore said there were also plans to build a new city barn, which he described as being in deplorable condition. Both of these projects would be financed entirely by the TIF bonds.

"No will will have to pay a dime more in taxes," Moore said.

**Roads to be repaired**

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of this magnitude on its own. McDermott said that Harrison County had been footing the bill for roadwork since the advent of gaming had contributed greatly to the county's growth.

McDermott and the other aldermen each picked the most damaged roads from their respective wards. He said that the board was in agreement about the streets, and that reconstruction should start by the end of the month.

"We all put a bunch of time into it more than a year ago. We've all got a bunch of streets picked out. We're ready," Moore said.

"The streets that don't need any foundation work are going to go right off the bat," McDermott said.

Some streets, like Shadow Lawn and Brown Aves. require major reconstruction and overlay. These city still needs to take construction bids on these larger projects.

One of the streets on the list, Oakland Ave., had already been repaired by Harrison County. If there is any money left over from the current list, Moore said the city might be able to consider repairing additional streets.

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# Stennis hosts robotics event

The media are invited to attend a FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics kickoff event in the StennisSphere Auditorium at NASA's Stennis Space Center (SSC) on Jan. 8. Media should arrive at SSC no later than 10 a.m. A media briefing with NASA SSC Office of External Affairs and Education officials will take place at 10:30 a.m. Media representatives will then have the opportunity to talk with SSC engineers and FIRST students and mentors.

While a national FIRST kickoff is held each year at FIRST headquarters in New Hampshire, SSC is hosting a kickoff event for

the first time this year to help FIRST teams from Mississippi and Louisiana reduce travel costs and to encourage collaboration among the teams. Team members will watch a live broadcast from FIRST headquarters that reveals this year's competition challenge. Teams will then receive a kit of parts that will aid in robot construction.

The event begins an exciting six-week period of robot design and construction for students participating in FIRST competitions. Founded by world-famous inventor Dean Kamen, FIRST inspires students to pursue careers in engineering, science and

technology by allowing them to work side by side with engineers to build a robot and to learn about teamwork and gracious professionalism. FIRST began in 1989 with 28 teams and has grown into an event with more than 1,000 teams from the U.S. and abroad participating in 31 regional competitions and one championship event.

Besides receiving NASA funding, many teams have the benefit of having SSC engineers as mentors.

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## Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas  
Publisher Emeritus

## Get ready for Mardi Gras

The Christmas and New Year's holidays days are now behind us and we move swiftly into the Mardi Gras season.

Mardi Gras Day this year is February 8, 2005, so that means the Krewe of Nereids will roll on Sunday, January 29, which is only a little over three weeks from now.

So, between now and February 8, there will be much activity in Mardi Gras Krewe balls and parades, here, along the coast, New Orleans and Mobile.

Parade goers now need to get their 'walking shoes' ready.

While on the subject of Mardi Gras, the Krewe of Kids is issuing its annual request for King and Queen applicants.

Ages are between 5 and 12 years of age.

To enter the drawing to be honored as King, or Queen, send name, age on a card of letter to Krewe of Kids at 1005 Dunbar Ave., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

The Krewe of Kids is a great parade which is held in the Cedar Point area of Bay St. Louis along Dunbar Avenue.

The year of 2005 shows lots of promise according to the leaders of Hancock County, Bay St. Louis and Waveland.

Groundbreaking is scheduled this year for the \$35 million infinity facility on Interstate 10, next to the Hancock County Welcome Center.

This facility which has been in the works for several years, will be a showcase not only of Hancock County, but the entire state of Mississippi.

Both the Cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland are awaiting a judge's decision on annexation proposals. Both cities want to extend their boundaries.

Capital improvements on the county and cities should continue in 2005.

A second casino for the county is expected to be operating in November of this year.

The scheduling of special events which bring folks from far away places, which help the local economy are on tap for this year too. These are scheduled for the county and two cities.

The leadership of our county and two cities want to continue to move forward and maintain being one of the fastest growing areas of the state.

Working together many things can be accomplished as our area continues to grow and our leaders look towards the future.

## When state government shuts down

The refurbished Woolfolk State Office Building, its 56-year-old lifetime checker with historic, sometimes comic events, provided another strange episode by literally blowing a fuse and shutting down a goodly chunk of state business the entire week after Christmas.

Surely it wasn't the tsunami, because the mighty waves that wreaked havoc across 11 Asian nations didn't come within several thousand miles of Mississippi.

But two days after it hit, a strange electrical blowout hit the state office building,

essentially paralyzing work at a dozen key state agencies including the governor's executive offices until hard-to-find parts could be found and repairs made.

The entire electrical grid for the building was knocked out, bringing to a halt agency computers, internet communications and other connections to the outside world and keeping more than 800 state employees away from work.

At first, it appeared 5000 state employee paper paychecks wouldn't be written, until an emergency backstop agency outside the building came to the rescue and printed the checks.

J. K. "Hoopy" Stringer,

who heads the state agency responsible for state buildings said two culprit electrical conductors called "bus ducts," roughly comparable to circuit breakers for distribution of power to the entire building, blew out on Monday night while employees who work there were still on holiday.

But next day citizens, some who came from miles outside Jackson to get documents and services at one of the departments housed in the building, found a darkened lobby, elevators not working and nobody who could help.

The failed bus ducts had been installed in 1989 when the first stage of renovations was done on the 15-story office building. In the late 1990s, the building was closed for three years to undergo a major overhaul, reopening in 2000.

By mid-week emergency generators had been cranked up to keep some of the agencies functioning with skeleton crews and one elevator temporarily operating, but the building didn't finally get back in business before the weekend.

"At least, it was some consolation that the shutdown came during a slow time the week after Christmas," said Stringer, director of the state Department of Finance and Administration, whose agency's broad functions include oversight of state buildings.

The first problem to restore power was to get replacements for the failed bus ducts. And, said Stringer, that proved daunting because none were available until the manufacturer

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## Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor



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## Social Security resolutions for '05

BY SHAWN MERCER  
Social Security Administration

As Americans ring in the New Year, many will be creating lists of New Year's Resolutions. We would like to suggest a handful of Social Security resolutions which, if included on those lists, could improve anyone's fiscal outlook.

Social Security Resolution #1: Look for your Social Security Statement.

Whether you will retire in two years or 22, it is good to know ahead of time how much you may receive in benefits from Social Security. We provide easy ways to figure that out. Three months before your birthday you will get your annual Social Security Statement in the mail. It will show estimates of future disability, survivors and retirement benefits, based on your earnings

history. If you do not want to wait for your annual Statement, you can visit our website at [www.socialsecurity.gov/mystatement/](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/mystatement/) and request that a Statement to be mailed to you early. Or you can use our benefits calculators at [www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/calculators.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/calculators.htm) to get an instant estimate.

Social Security Resolution #2: Know Your (Full) Retirement Age. In all likelihood, it will not be age 65. A "full retirement age" of 65 is true only for people who were born before 1938. Because of longer life expectancies, the 1983 Social Security Amendments included a provision gradually raising the full retirement age, beginning for persons born

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Editor:

In 1938, until it reaches age 67 for persons born in 1960 or later. For example, for people who were born in 1940, the full retirement age is 65 years and 6 months. Social Security has a convenient chart that you can consult to find your own "full retirement age" with a quick glance. Just go to [www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/retirechart.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/retirechart.htm).

Social Security Resolution #3: Save for your retirement. While Social Security can provide a solid foundation for a comfortable retirement, you will need to build on that foundation. Yes, it can be hard to save for your future while meeting other immediate financial obligations, but it is absolutely essential to pad your nest egg. For the average worker, Social Security will replace only about 40 percent of pre-retirement income. And most financial advisors say people will need at least 70 percent of pre-retirement earnings to enjoy a comfortable

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# Business News

## School's LPN pass rate 100 percent

For the past two years, graduates of the Pearl River Community College Practical Nursing Program have had 100 percent pass rate, compared to 80.3 percent, nationally, on the Practical Nursing National Collegiate Licensing Exam (NCLEX).

Students are required to take the NCLEX-PN exam upon completion of their nursing program to gain state nursing licensure required in Mississippi. The NCLEX-PN is a national competency examination test that is required for nursing licensure in all states. The exam is a five-hour, computer-adapted format and is based on job analysis of entry-level nurses.

"Our graduates are performing at an excellent level on the exam," said Peggy Dease, director of Nursing Education. "These test scores are a real testament to the quality of nursing programs offered at Pearl River Community College. With the national and state nursing shortage, having nurses successfully pass the exam the first time around is vital to patient care. We will be able to place more nurses into healthcare facilities to care for the patients. The 100 percent pass rate is a great accomplishment for the teachers and the students; it is what every school works for. I want to offer my congratulations to the LPN program for all of their hard work and accomplishments and congratulations to all of the new nurses."

Barbara Whiddon and Linda Griffiths, both of whom

were nurses for roughly 20 years before becoming PRC nursing instructors in 1996, point the finger at each other when asked why the program is so successful.

"Barbara concentrates on the core of nursing, which is the medical/surgical side of the curriculum," said Griffiths. "She is an outstanding teacher. Barbara explains ideas so clearly and thoroughly that everyone can understand the concepts. Barbara also teaches community clinical classes in places like doctors' offices and schools."

"Linda has a gift in the clinical setting," said Whiddon. "In clinical, students work in nursing homes, OB/GYN offices, pediatrics, and any medical setting that will help prepare them to be nurses. They spend a week in clinical working Mississippi State Hospital, Whitfield, and they spend time at Ellisville State School. In clinical, students learn by doing, and they learn how to apply theories from the classroom. Linda is there to guide them as they work. Linda also teaches pharmacology, which is learning about medicine and how to administer medicine."

Whiddon and Griffiths attribute students' success to the combination of individual classroom attention, clinical skills, and related studies. Related studies is a math class that focuses on mathematics used in the nursing profession.

However, according to Whiddon, the 100 percent pass rate could not happen with the students' desire to

learn and succeed. "The students' willingness to participate and be successful in a fast-paced program makes it success," said Whiddon. "We have had some really great students who gave it their all!"

Bridget Byrd, a 31-year-old mother of two from Picayune and 2004 Licensed Practical Nurse graduate, credits her passing NCLEX grade to Whiddon and Griffiths.

"They push you hard to do, your best, and they expect you to give your all," said Byrd. During our first semester, we all wondered why Mrs. Whiddon and Mrs. Griffiths were so hard on us.

Now, since I started working, I see why. They got us ready to work, and I came to this job already confident with my abilities. Both teachers saw that we had the potential to do a good job, so they taught us everything they could possibly teach in a year. They were always positive, they cared about us, and they were there for everything. I remember after I took the NCLEX, I called Mrs. Whiddon and started crying because I thought I did bad, but she just said 'I know you made it.' I'm proud of myself, and I'm proud of my whole class for passing the test.

## Casino Magic BSL offers free internet in guest rooms

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## Bank honors top employees

Jessica Bush was named The Peoples Bank 2004 Employee of the Year at the bank's annual worker awards ceremony held recently at the Donald Snyder Community Center in Biloxi.

Bush joined The Peoples Bank in 2000 and has worked in a number of departments before being assigned to her current post in Internet Banking. She earned her bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2002 and graduated from the Mississippi School of Banking in 2004.

The Oscar-themed ceremony also debuted the Peoples Choice awards, honoring the top employees in each major operating division of the organization. This year, inaugural Peoples Choice awards were given to:

Asset Management—Kathy Crabtree, supporting role, and Louise Wilson, leading role; Financial Administration—Valerie Allen, supporting role, and Pam Morrison, leading role; Information Systems—Laura Adams and Rob Hally, supporting roles, and Gloria Cothorn, leading role; Retail Bank operations—Toni Ganucheau, supporting role, and Susan Page, leading role; Credit Administration—Ronnie Harrison, supporting role, and Patrick Wild, leading role; Lenders, Human Resources & Business Development—Jackie Henson, supporting role, and Jeannie Dean, leading role.

Other individual employee recognitions included: Teller with the most trans-

actions in a day and in a week: Wendy Caldwell; Teller of the Year: Kim Pham; The 2004 CSR that opened the most accounts: Nena Parker Raised most charity money: Sabrina Moran; Discovered counterfeit bills: Shereka James and Sharon Merrill; Detected fraudulent activities: Stacey Lee, Twila Higdon, Sylvia Livengood, Diane Richards, Karen Yordy, Teresa Scarce, Carol Crochet.

The bank also recognized employee service anniversaries during 2004:

Five years: Angie Newman Beattie, Charlotte Pizarich, Bobbie Adams, Thomas Quave, Kristi Gilbert, Kevin Kavanagh, Jerry Comer, Barbara Frey, Jim Cummings, Teresa Scarce, Scott Maddox, Charlotte Moore, Joe Cook, Eric Salinas, Anna Havar, Anna Swan, Robyn Barhonovich, Kim Pham, Janice Fore, Joyce James and Nena Parker.

Ten years: Ron Baldwin, Vickie Delaune, Eric Chambliss and Read Breeland.

Fifteen years: Lauri Wood and Rebecca Williams.

Twenty years: Gloria Cothorn, Jesse Migue, Beth White, Connie Lepoma, Patrick Wild and Ronnie Harrison.

Twenty-five years: Kathy Comstock, Susan Sekul, Patti Levine, Charlotte Balus and Cassandra Reid.

Thirty years: Ardell Roberts, who also was recognized for the longest record of perfect attendance—11 years.

Additional information is available on the Internet at www.thepeoples.com.

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## Scientist -- Sajjadi

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nized for his work in physics in fluid turbulence. Sajjadi, a full research professor of applied mathematics, was nominated anonymously by fellow colleagues.

"I couldn't believe it when I won the award," Sajjadi said. "I didn't know I'd even been nominated, so it came as quite a pleasant

surprise. This is in recognition of my work in the field over the years."

Sajjadi studies aspects of fluid dynamics, particularly cases where flow is turbulent. His work with oceanographic and surface wave turbulence has led to industrial applications, namely in the area of hurricane

research.

Most recently, Sajjadi developed a small-scale turbulence model of Hurricane Isadore designed to help engineers in the New Orleans area better understand what happened in the wake of the disaster.

"The people of St. Tammany Parish are con-

sidering developing a model to have a local forecast so that when hurricanes hit in the future around the New Orleans, Slidell, Mandeville area, they can know how much water is expected to be dumped in that area," Sajjadi said.

Elizabeth Valenti of WorldWindsInc., a private small business located at Stennis, said "Dr. Sajjadi is a world-class scientist and we are lucky to have him as part of our research contingent here at the Stennis Space Center. His expertise in water-wave physics has enabled us to provide the public with improved weather forecasts that could save lives."

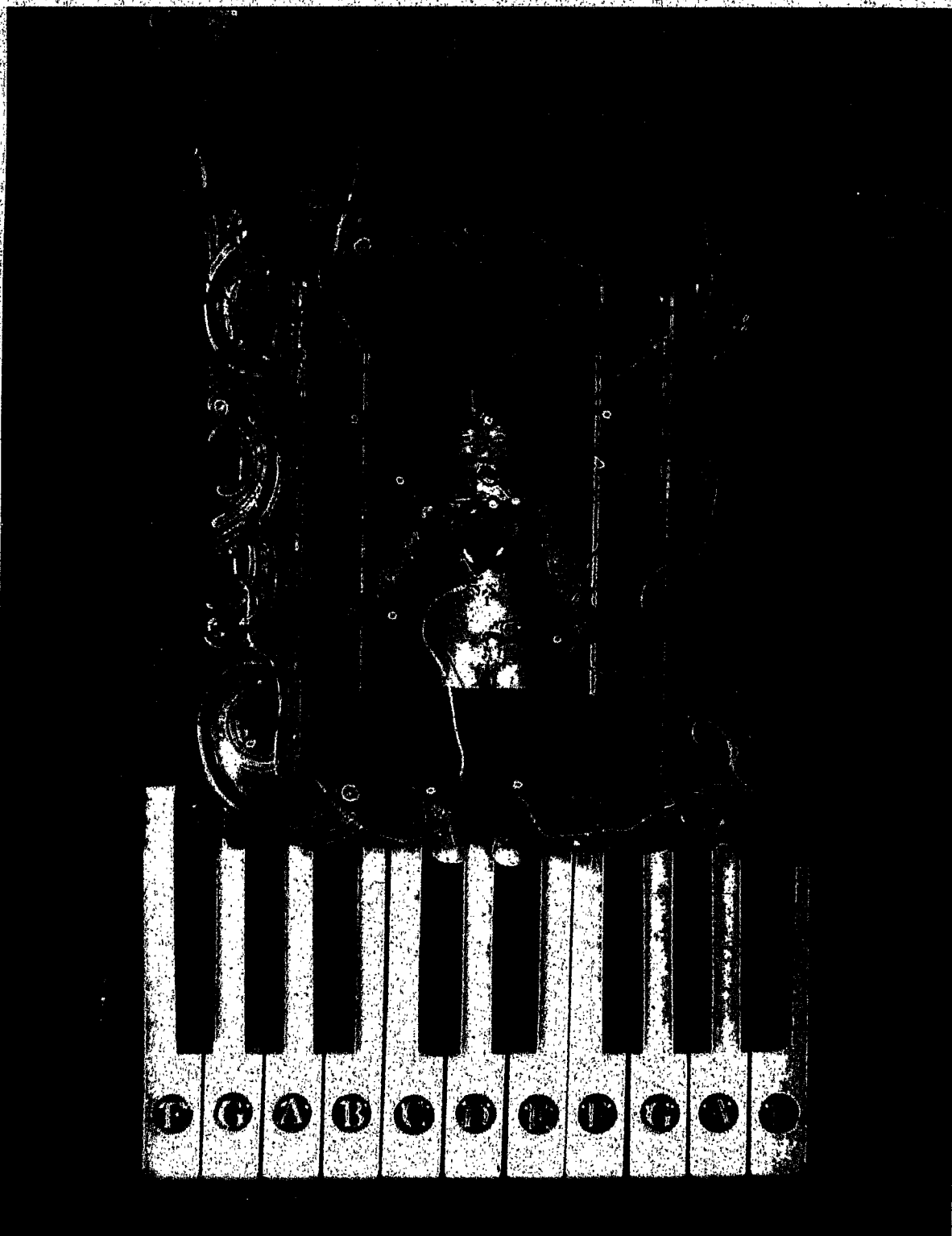
"He is very deserving of this award."

Sajjadi was educated at Bedford School in the United Kingdom. After earning a bachelor of science degree in mathematics, he joined the Laser Division of Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in July 1982, where he was engaged in plasma physics research. In 1985, he began doctoral study in water waves.

Sajjadi was the director of the Centre for Computational Fluid Dynamics and Turbulence of the University of Salford, UK, from January 1991 until December 2000. He was the chairman of the European Research Community on Flow Turbulence and Combustion (ERCOTAC) Special Interest Group on Wind Over Waves from May 1993 until December 2000.

His current research includes advanced turbulence modeling and computational fluid dynamics, nonlinear air-sea interactions and dynamics, and thermodynamics of tropical cyclones and hurricanes.

Sajjadi has published a number of research papers in these subjects and has published three books. He is currently under contract to publish two additional books that will appear in 2005 and 2007.



Bay St. Louis artist Vicki Niolet will present "Sight, Sound and Thought: Three-Dimensional Mixed Media Constructions and Music Boxes," at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Jeff Davis Campus. The show will run through the month of January and will open on Thursday, January 13 with a reception at the gallery from 2 until 4 p.m. Vicki will give a short gallery talk about her media and the evolution of her work at 2:15 p.m.

## Tigers

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Canton, Jackson Murrah, Starkville, Holly Springs, New Albany, McComb and Harrison Central.

Bay St. Louis is the unanimous choice atop the girls top 10.

The Tigers (15-0) had all eight first-place votes, 80 poll points and a commanding 30-point lead over No. 2 Choctaw Central (11-1), the defending 3A champion.

Unbeaten Tupelo (10-0)

is third, followed by Bay Springs, Wayne County, Clinton, Meridian, Ocean Springs and Harrison Central. Jackson Callaway and Southeast Lauderdale are tied for 10th.

The first AP poll reflects all games played in November and December. Starting this week, the poll will be released each Monday during the regular season.

## 4-H Winter Beef Classic

Hancock County 4-H Club, Boots & Buckles, will host the annual Hancock County Winter Beef Classic on Saturday, Jan. 8, starting at 9 a.m.

The event will be held at the Hancock County Arena located on the Kiln-Delisle Road in the Kiln. Besides the livestock events, the concession stand will be open and there will be a silent auction.

The public is invited to come out and support the 4-H program. There is no charge for spectators. If you

are interested in exhibiting livestock at the show, contact the 4-H Agent, Margaret Howell, at the Extension Office (228-467-5456).

## Wholistic Wellness Network

The next meeting of the Wholistic Wellness Network will be held on Friday, Jan. 7 at the Mississippi Power Company conference room, 30th Ave. and Highway 90, Gulfport, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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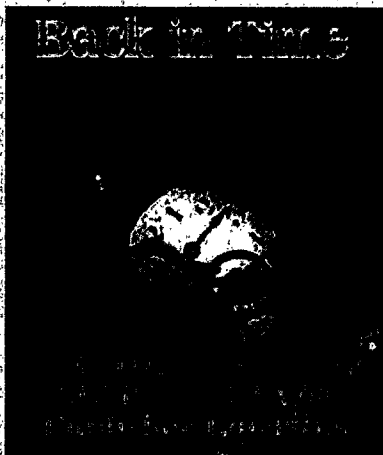
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# Community

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### TEN YEARS AGO

January 1, 1995 - A huge, colorful map rests against a City Hall Annex wall, proposing how Bay St. Louis will develop over the next 25 years. It envisions a bustling little Gulf Coast resort town with new and improved roadways, new businesses, and other possibilities: another marina, an extra casino and a shopping center or hotel development. City officials hope to have the map, and the plan that it's based on, up for a public hearing and adoption next year. Adoption of the plan won't automatically change any zoning that exists in town. But once it's in place, almost every decision city officials make for years to come will be based on what the map says.

-In what will potentially be a heated race with a large number of contenders, Michael R. Schafer of Diamondhead is the first to announce that he will seek the office of chancery clerk in the August Primary. E. Michael Nicaise, chancery clerk for four terms, announced his retirement last month and that he will not seek re-election.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO

January 6, 1985 - The shadow of an oak tree from the grounds of Bay St. Louis City Hall covers Amtrak's Gulf Coast Limited on Saturday as it made its next to last run from Mobile to New Orleans. D.E. Wilcox, a member of the Tri-State Rapid Rail Commission reports his group held a meeting Friday in New Orleans, and were going to continue efforts to have the service continued. Wilcox said, "We have the assurances from Louisiana and Alabama for funding of Amtrak's Gulf Coast Limited, and all we now need is a commitment from Mississippi." The local commissions' member said he felt the train's last run would be Sunday night until negotiations can take place with Amtrak officials after receiving support from the Mississippi Legislature. The rapid rail group on Saturday rode the Downtown New Orleans new Rail Commuter. Now making trial runs, it is a similar type of vehicle they are hoping to have from Ocean Springs to New Orleans as a rail service for Coastal commuters.

-Local educators met with two local Legislators at a Thursday rally supporting teacher pay raises. Rep. Walter J. Phillips and Senator Gene Taylor both expressed their support of pay raises in front of a courtroom full of administrators and teachers repre-

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# Green & Gold



**GOLD CYPRESS** - The Sawara false cypress is commonly known by names like Gold Thread Cypress, Gold Mop or perhaps Sungold. These are smaller varieties that will stay under 5 feet in Mississippi. They color up best in full sun and prefer a humid environment with moist, well-drained soil.

## Southern Gardening

by Norman Winter  
MSU Horticulturist

## False cypress gives standout performance

I recently attended a meeting in Lucedale at one of the nurseries that produce woody ornamentals. As I was walking across the field, I noticed some beautiful conifers with glowing golden foliage. These gold, Christmas tree-shaped plants are known botanically as *Chamaecyparis obtusa*, or false cypress. The variety that is becoming more popular in the southeast is *Crippsii*.

The *Crippsii* can grow to around 20 feet tall in our area, but most I see are in the 10-foot range. The golden-yellow foliage really looks incredible during the cold, dreary winter weather that seems finally to have caught up with us.

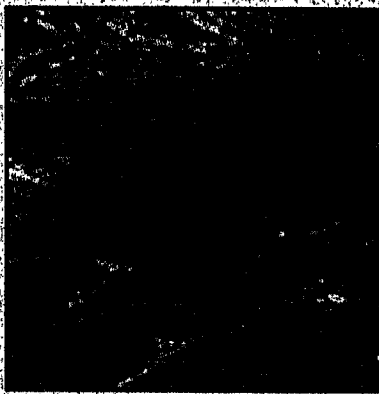
The false cypress is native to southern Japan and the island of Taiwan, which would make most think we are a little too hot for it. We do push the limit, I suppose, but where we

make up for it is with moisture and humidity, which *Crippsii* does like.

Ideally, we should provide sun with a little afternoon shade and supplemental water when it's dry and windy. The *Crippsii* is hardy in zones 5 to 8, and though it prefers a cool, moist climate, they have done very well in Mississippi. I have not only seen them in Lucedale, but also Poplarville, Raleigh and several northern towns.

Use the *Crippsii* as a specimen that is sure to stand out like it is glowing, especially against a backdrop of typical evergreens like hollies, ligustrums or wax myrtles. These are slow-growing evergreens, tolerant of acidic or alkaline soils.

Another outstanding species is the Sawara false cypress, known botanically as *Chamaecyparis pisifera*. You may not be familiar with the term Sawara false cypress, but you may have



**The Sawara false Cypress** grows in varieties such as "gold thread cypress."



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heard varietal names like Gold Thread Cypress, Gold Mop or perhaps Sungold.

It also is native to southern Japan and performs very well in zones 4 to 8. These shrubs, with their gold- or lime-colored needle-like leaves, are the perfect pick for year-round color.

These are smaller varieties that will stay under 5 feet in our area. Use them for specimen or foundation plantings where you might try them in groups of three or massed for a terrific display.

They color up best in

full sun and prefer a humid environment with moist, well-drained soil. In the 10 years that I have lived in Mississippi, I actually have seen them planted at gas stations along hot highways where I was quick to pronounce them "goners." Surprisingly, they did well and taught me once again not to rush to judgment.

The colorful foliage that gives a mounding, yet weeping effect makes it the perfect partner to stand out in contrast to typical deep, dark green leaves of shrubs.

One of the most striking combinations I have seen recently was in Raleigh, where they are grown with the Mississippi Medallion award-winning loropetalum, which has dark burgundy leaves.

In Atlanta, however, I have seen them used in large planters and combined with blue-violet flowers like scaevola, salvia and verbenas. Both of these *Chamaecyparis* are revered by conifer collectors and offer all of us another choice when it comes to selecting evergreens for the landscape.



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sending schools in both Hancock County and Bay St. Louis districts.

#### FORTY YEARS AGO

January 7, 1965 - Speeding and property protection became vital projects in Waveland, Tuesday, when Gerald V. Price, Jr., was appointed full-time deputy marshal. Mayor Garfield Ladner told Town Council, "We must protect taxpayers with property protection." With the rapidly grown traffic control problem, he said he was favorably disposed towards full time employment of a deputy. Alderman Dominic Sonier, speaking against motion, based his dissenting vote on budget. He contended the matter should again be presented in August and provision made in the next budget. Alderman Albert N. Grass maintained, "Police are essential to our taxpayers' security." Alderman John Longo stated, "I am serious about the necessity of a crack-down on speeders, and cited places and dates

frequently observed violations." Town Marshal Fred Bourgeois (the lone police enforcement officer in Waveland), outlined the responsibility of his force towards Waveland.

Michael D. Haas, Jaycees charter president, was elected head of the local group last Thursday. He will assume office at next Saturday's semi-annual installation banquet. Lt. Gov. Carroll Gartin will present the principal address. Other Jaycee officers are Lee Choppin, retiring president, elected informal vice-president; Don Luxich, external vice-president; Frank Hille, treasurer; Gerald C. Gex, secretary, and Tom Logue, State director. Directors are; J. Norton Haas, Jr., Charles Carter, Jr., J.C. Koennen, Andre Arceneaux, Roger Davis and Bert Stieffel. Completing unexpired terms as directors are Joe Bermond and John Christensen.

#### FIFTY YEARS AGO

January 6, 1955 - District

Attorney Boyce Holleman in the absence of a county attorney, will personally act as prosecutor in the case of three Highway 90 restaurant owners, who last week were charged with possession of liquor and gambling devices, following an unprecedented raid on their establishments by the National Guard. Hearing in the cases against the three has tentatively set for Friday morning before Justice C.E. Martin here. The three were arrested by the National Guard and brought to jail here Friday, following the raids, are now free under \$500 bonds. Their businesses were entered by the approximately 9 o'clock Friday morning. One bar was completely wrecked, nothing remaining after the raid but a pile of broken mirrors, glass and rubble. The raids, which came as a surprise to authorities here were the first to happen in Hancock County. According to a statement from Governor

White, they took place as a direct result of complaints from travelers, who were allegedly "rocked" in the places. Both the sheriff (Egloff) and district attorney have state that the persons involved will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Promotions have been announced by the local National Guard Company. Wilbert J. Adam was named Sergeant First Class, Alton A. Barber, Benny D. Negrette, James N. Traveria and Louis B. Turner were named corporals. Three men have just joined. They are Sgt. John E.C. Bailey, Cpl. Henry J. Prevou, Sr., Fred J. Dehaan, Robert J. Boudin and William T. Ellis.

#### SIXTY YEARS AGO

January 11, 1945 - Sam Favre, County Superintendent of Education was guest speaker at the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club on Wednesday at Hotel Reed. Held told the group some of the aims and

objectives of the Mississippi Educational Association for the year. Favre said the association for Higher Education in Mississippi is \$700,000 and in our sister state Louisiana, it is \$6,000,000. He said there has been a turnover of 52% in the teaching profession last year and the income of those leaving the profession has increased 47%.

Honors have come once again to two of our home boys and Bay St. Louis should swell with pride at this news. Major Clyde Sylvester, Army Air Corps, has now received the advancement from major to Lieutenant Colonel. Lieutenant Colonel Ellis Sylvester, Army, has advanced to Colonel. The two are the sons of the late Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Sylvester and both are graduate of Bay High School and native sons of Bay St. Louis.

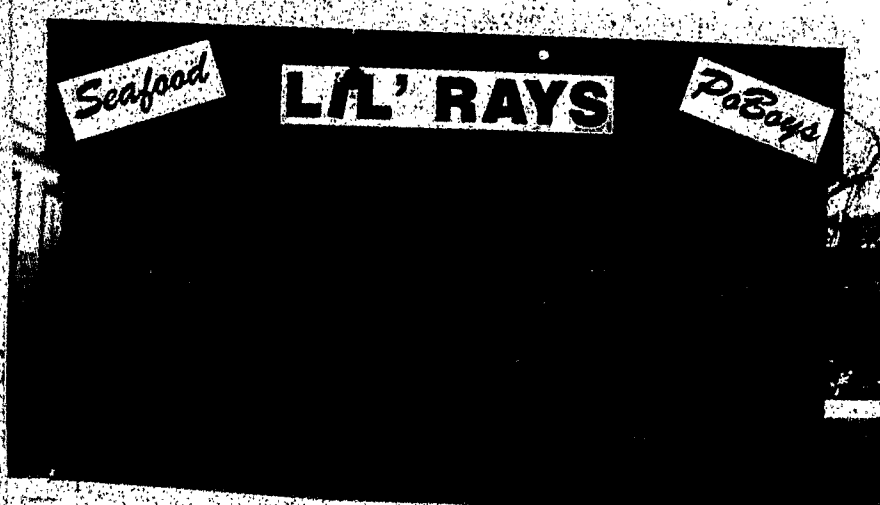
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# Sports

## Bay sweeps Pass; Rock-a-chaws & Tigers set for Mayor's Cup clash

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
Staff Writer

The holiday tournaments are over and the area hardwood teams have jumped right into the meat of their division schedules. Regular season basketball action is quickly coming to a close with the division tournaments scheduled for the middle of February.

The Bay High Tigers swept the Pass Christian Pirates in Division 8-4A action on Tuesday, January 4 at the Wilmer Seymour Gymnasium.

The Lady Tigers (16-0, 4-0) routed the Lady Pirates in girls action 84-16. Lady Tigers head coach Debbie Triplett commented, "Defensively, we played very hard tonight. I was pleased with the effort. On the offensive side of the ball, we seemed to shoot the ball in spurts."

"Our focus seemed to drop some with the big lead. We can't lose our focus with the meat of the division schedule upon us."

Bay High jumped out on the Lady Pirates 24-8 in the first period and extended that lead to 46-10 by half-time. Destiny Porter led the Lady Tigers with 24 points and 11 rebounds. Kendra Reed added 19 points and 8 rebounds. Tamara Reed added 11 points, 6 assists and 8 steals. Crystal Skretching rounded out the double-digit scorers with 10

points along with 6 assists and 7 steals. Sara Gilmore pulled down 7 rebounds.

In boys action, the Tigers (9-9, 4-1) defeated the Pirates 62-52.

The win evened the Tigers' record which is impressive considering that Bay High started the season 1-7. Bay High is 8-2 over their last 10 games.

The Tigers and the Pirates were tied 14-14 after the first period of play; however, Bay High claimed a 34-23 lead at the intermission.

George Easley and Charles Nichols both hit key three-pointers that helped spark the Tigers in the fourth quarter.

Bay High head coach Alan Lumpkin stated, "This was a big win for us. Pass Christian played very hard and got after us. Coach Buddy Kennedy and the Pirates took things away that we like to do down low in the paint with Braxton Rockwell. Our guards responded and hit some outside shots. A major concern for me, however, is the fact that we had 27 turnovers. I thought the difference in the game was free throws. We were 12-for-15 at the line. We have to protect the ball better on the offensive end to be successful down the line."

George Easley and Braxton Rockwell led BayHigh with 16 points

each while Armad Bailey led Pass Christian with 11 points followed by Brandon Miller with 10 points.

The Tigers host McComb and St. Stanislaus on Saturday, January 8th. The Lady Tigers will play McComb in a rematch of an earlier game this season while the Tigers and the Rocks hook up in the annual Mayor's Cup. Junior varsity girls action starts the day at 2pm followed by varsity girls, junior varsity boys and varsity boys.

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws (14-4, 4-0) hosted the Gautier Gators in a Division 8-4A clash. The Rocks held their 12th opponent under 40 points en route to a 46-36 win.

The Rocks jumped out to a 15-6 lead in the first period and opened that up to a 25-14 halftime advantage. SSC head coach Jay Ladner stated, "Defensively, we played hard and won the rebounding war. However, the glaring thing that hurts us each night is our turnovers. We are careless with the basketball and we have to correct that to continue to be successful. If we can correct our turnovers, then we will put ourselves in a good position to be successful in games. We have Bay High coming up on Saturday and it will be a war. It is always a very tough game when SSC and Bay High play each other.

We will have to play extremely well and much better than tonight to be successful against Bay High."

Mike Rice led the Rocks with 22 points.

Over the Christmas break, the Bay High Tigers played in the Covington Tournament. The Tigers won two out of three games to win the tournament. In their first game, the Tigers defeated Covington 64-56. Bay High came from behind in the fourth period to win the game.

The Tigers were down 15 points to start the final period.

Braxton Rockwell led Bay High with 18 points followed by George Easley with 15 points and Lorenzo Lewis with 14 points.

In the second game of the tournament, the Tigers fell to John Curtis 57-51. The Tigers were tied with the Patriots 42-42 at the end of the third period. Lewis led the Tigers with 17 points followed by Easley with 14 and Rockwell with 13.

In the finals, the Tigers were matched up with Frederick Douglas High School who had defeated John Curtis. The Tigers handled Frederick Douglas 57-40 to win the tournament.

Rockwell led Bay High with 21 points followed by Easley with 14 and Lewis with 10 points.

## Lady Eagles snap three-game losing streak

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Sophomore guard Dianca Jones and freshman Shannon Stueber combined for 45 of Southern Miss, 74 points, leading the Lady Eagles to a 74-65 victory over Southeastern Louisiana in nonconference action Monday night in Reed Green Coliseum.

With the win, the Lady Eagles snapped a three-game losing streak.

Jones scored a career-high 24 points, including 16 in the first half. Stueber tallied 21 points and Deondra Carter chipped in 13 points.

Brooke Nicaise, Jenny Brown and Dacia McGowan scored 14 points apiece for the Lady Lions.

"I'd like to say hats off to my team because they but their turnovers in half," Head Coach Joyce Lee-McNelis said. "That's the biggest difference in this game."

"When you look at the stats sheet, they (Southeastern) shot 50 percent from the three-point line, 40 percent from the floor and they out rebounded us by 10. Most of the time, you win that game. The biggest difference is that we took care of the basketball."

Southern Miss opened the game with a 17-5 run, with Jones scoring eight of the points.

Southeastern then put together an 18-12 run, cutting the lead to six points, 29-23, with just over four minutes remaining in the half. The Lady Eagles closed out the half with an 8-4 run and led 37-27 at the half.

Southern Miss finished the first half shooting 51.5 percent from the field and had only six turnovers.

"I thought we played with a tremendous amount of intensity early," McNelis

said. "I think Dianca Jones got us going early with some steals and easy buckets."

Southern Miss led by 10 points with 13:27 remaining in the game, when Southeastern scored nine unanswered points to cut the lead to one, 49-48. The Lady Lions eventually tied the game at 51-51 when Brown hit the first of three, three-pointers.

"Coach talked about what you get when you get steals," Jones said. "You get opportunities and those opportunities lead to easy baskets. I just took advantage of that and played within my range. There are times I tend to get a little wild, but tonight I stayed within my box."

Southeastern kept battling and eventually took its first lead of the game, 57-55, on a three by Brown with 6:44 remaining. Southeastern built a four-point, 61-57, when Brown

hit her third three within six minutes.

"First, let me say that Southeastern Louisiana can shoot the basketball," McNelis said. "I wouldn't want to zone them very much. We didn't do a good job of defending their on-the-ball screens and that allowed them to get some good looks with that. You have to give them a lot of credit because they knocked down the threes when they had to."

Southern Miss regrouped and out scored Southeastern 5-1 to tie the game at 62-62 with 2:13 remaining. Following a Southeastern free throw, the Lady Eagles then scored six straight points to take the lead for good, 68-63.

Southern Miss will not have long to celebrate because the Lady Eagles open Conference USA play against TCU on Friday at 7 p.m.

## Wild Turkey Federation to raise scholarship funds

The Mississippi Wild Turkey Federation aims to help high school seniors planning to attend The University of Southern Mississippi by raising scholarship money with a raffle at its annual banquet Feb. 5 at the Forrest County Multi Purpose Center. The MWTF is currently selling tickets

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For scholarship information, high school seniors

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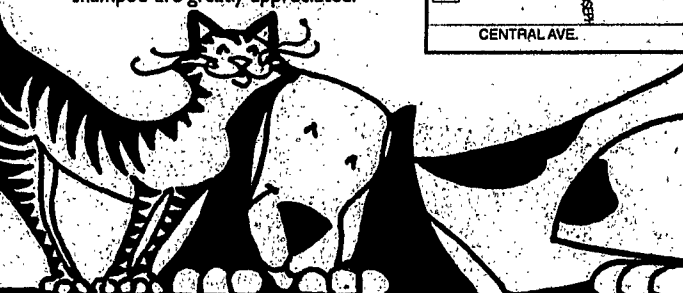
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# Entertainment

## Travis Tritt coming to Bay Magic

**THE SEA COAST ECHO**  
Country sensation, Travis Tritt, will perform at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis on Feb. 4-5 at 9 p.m.

Tritt is known for hits like "It's A Great Day To Be Alive," "Here's A Quarter (Call Someone Who Cares)," "TR-O-U-B-L-E," and many more. Tickets for these shows are on sale now starting at \$34.95. Tickets may be purchased through the Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Box Office, by calling 1-800-5-MAGIC-5 or through any Ticketmaster location. Premium seats are also available on Friday night.

Over the course of his 15-year career, the Georgian has delighted fans and disarmed critics by exploring his deep love of hardcore country, flashing an ability and affinity for bluegrass, revealing unexpected sensitivity as a balladeer, winning respect as a formidable songwriter and, most emphatically, drawing widespread recognition as one of the finest vocalists the genre has ever known.

Born and raised in Marietta, Georgia, Tritt was an early and eager student of music, picking up guitar at age eight, singing in his church youth choir and playing in bluegrass, rock and country bands through his teens. His honky tonk history started when he applied his blue-collar work ethic to the diverse sounds of Southern popular music. Tritt spent years playing in



Travis Tritt

small clubs where he was expected to be able to cover everything from Hank Williams to Otis Redding to Skynyrd. Armed with a well-defined sense of artistic direction and that unmistakable voice, Tritt landed a major label deal and launched an impressive career.

His first single, 1989's "Country Club," roared into the top 10, and the album of the same name went on to

become the first of many platinum records. He won the CMA's prestigious Horizon Award in 1991, was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry the following year and amassed a body of hits including "I'm Gonna Be Somebody," "Here's A Quarter (Call Someone Who Cares)," "Anymore," "Ten Feet Tall and Bulletproof," "Foolish Pride," and dozens more.

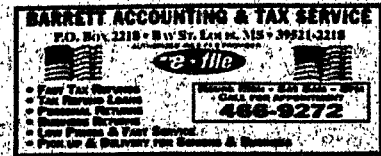
Tritt's personal life began

a transformation seven years ago with his marriage to Theresa and their ever-growing family that now numbers five. Professionally, the new millennium marked a turning point as Tritt's relationship with his first label Warner Bros. deteriorated precipitously, and the singer soon found a new home with Sony/Columbia.

The aptly titled *Down The Road I Go*, released in 2000, spawned four top ten hit singles and returned him to platinum stature. The 2002 follow up, *Strong Enough*, entered the country album chart at #4 with strong sales out of the gate. However, only two top twenty singles resulted from that disc. Which brings him to the current project, *My Honky Tonk History*.

Introduced by barroom piano and a shotgun blast, the album speeds into the aforementioned title track. The outlaw theme runs through to the fatalistic gospel of "Too Far To Turn Around," co-written by label mate Gretchen Wilson, who also lends backing vocals. The first single "The Girl's Gone Wild" features Tritt's hardest-driving backbeat since "TR-O-U-B-L-E."

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## Singer/songwriter Kara Klein to host fundraising concert at OLG on Jan. 7

**THE SEA COAST ECHO**  
Mandeville, teenager Kara Klein will host a fundraising concert entitled "Our Lady Academy Concert" at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi on Sunday, Jan. 7 at 2 p.m. Since her Debut Concert in late August, where Kara performed songs from her newly released CD "A Touch of Your Grace" to a standing-room-only crowd at Mary Queen of Peace Church, the young singer has been asked to share her musical talent both locally and nationally.

In September in Washington D. C., Kara entertained members of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives, as well as

actress Jane Seymour, at the Patron's Party for The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute's "Angels In Adoption" Gala Dinner.

As a result of her performance, Kara has been invited by the event organizers to perform as a featured soloist at the Gala Dinner next fall. Additionally, in early October, Kara appeared as a special guest on Michigan Catholic Radio, a Detroit-based radio station that is actively promoting her CD.

In addition to songs from "A Touch of Your Grace", Kara will give a preview of selected songs from her next CD at the Our Lady Academy Concert. One selection that the audience will be the first to hear is an original hymn entitled

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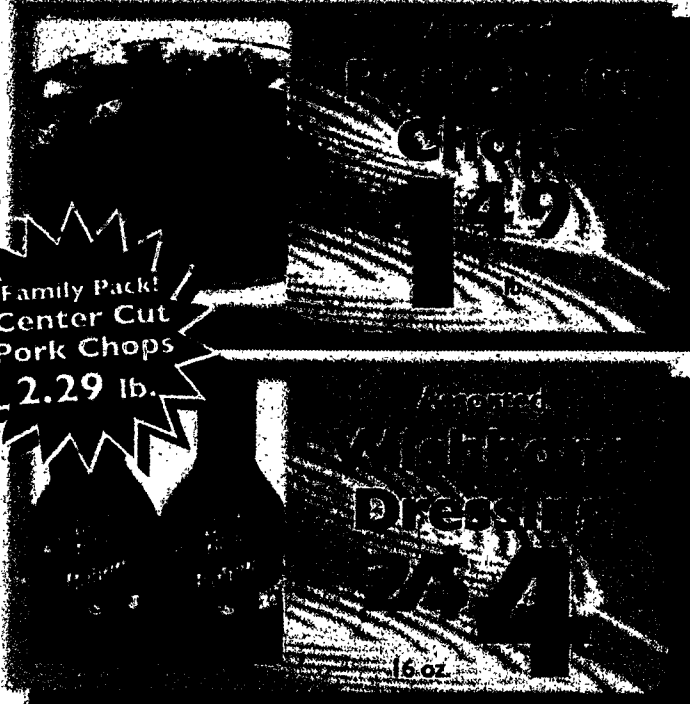
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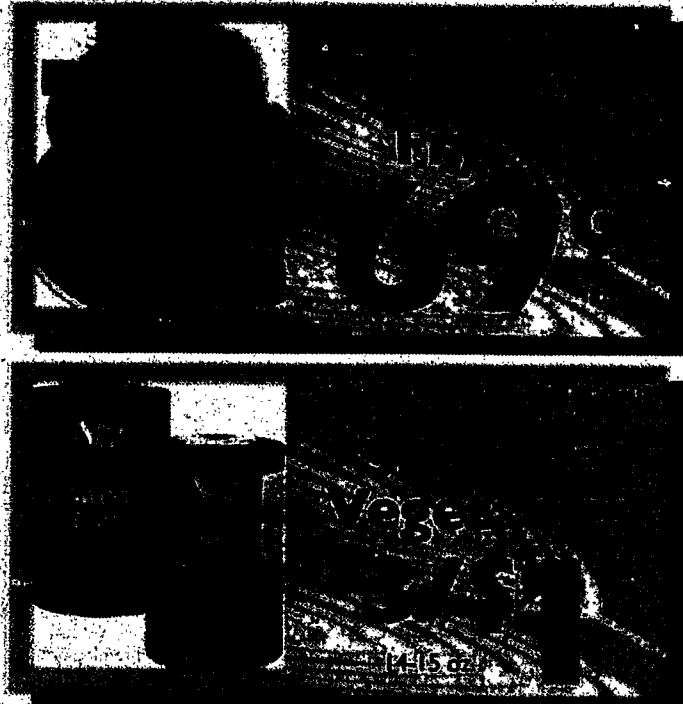


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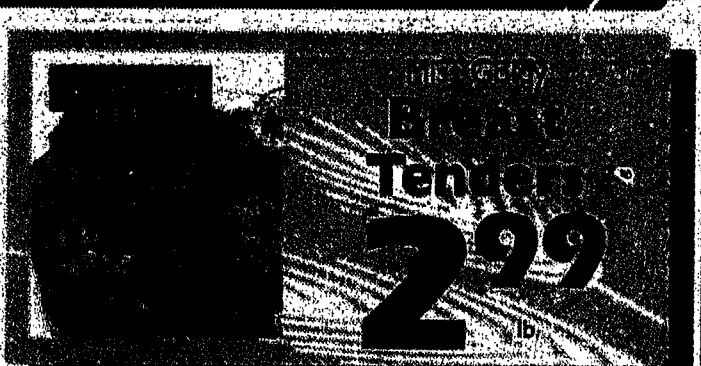


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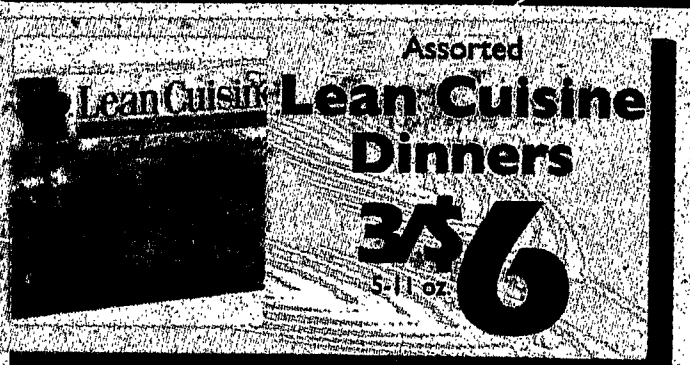
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